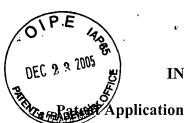


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Signature:

## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment and Response to an Office Action relating to the above-identified patent application. There is no additional claim fee due in connection with the Response.

In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510 as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated October 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: